



Chaparral Sketch

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Editor's Greeting

Welcome back! What an incredible summer it has been, don't you think? Whether you enjoyed a nearby retreat or ventured far, we hope it was rejuvenating. And if your escapade involved unleashing your creativity – fantastic! As we dive into the remaining months of the year, we anticipate a vibrant and enjoyable second half, and we'd love for you to be a part of it with us.

General Meetings

We do not hold general meetings during the summer months of July or August, but we will be back at it THIS month when we meet at the Center for Healthy Generations on September 11. Our intention for the upcoming meeting is to dedicate a significant portion of it to creative endeavors! We invite you to

join us in crafting small, delightful items that will be available for sale at this year's Orchid Festival. We'll supply all the necessary creative materials. For those keen on contributing little items, feel free to bring them to the meeting. Anticipate working with acrylics, watercolor, alcohol ink, and collage mediums.

Our NEXT meeting will be on September 11 - the regular place and time - every second Monday at 1:00 PM held at the Center for Healthy Generations in Yucca Valley.

Board Meetings

Our Board meetings are held on the same day as our general meetings - our next Board meeting will be on September 11 at 11:30 AM, also held at the Center for Healthy Generations. Remember that members are always invited to join these meetings.

Group Outings

Chaparral Artists are always on the lookout for interesting places to visit as a group, and we rely on YOUR input, so reach out and contact an officer or email us to pass along your suggestion. This month we plan on traveling up to the slightly cooler mountain community of Big Bear on September 19 for their Farmer's Market and the Alpine Zoo.

No trips are planned for October due to how busy the month is with festivals, art tours, and travel for many.

Gallery Displays

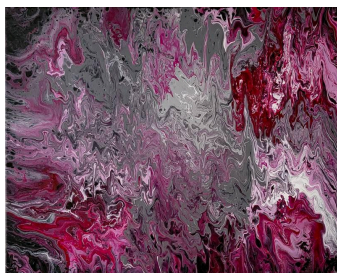
Previous Exhibit - "Abstract"

August was dedicated to a members only show of Abstract creations. Abstraction... a detachment from reality, and the intensity of that detachment by our participating members was fun to experience. The exhibit was installed on August 19 and will remain on the walls of Rainbow Stew until September 13. We had fourteen (14) members submit a total of thirty-five (35) entries, making a powerful collection of abstract creations.



Moon Rising by Nancy Miehle
"Abstract" Exhibit

Untitled 3 by Eddy Tucker
"Abstract" Exhibit



Next Exhibit - Judged Creative Art

Do not forget about this month's judged Creative Art exhibit held at Rainbow Stew. This is an open-to-the-public art show opportunity, judged by a professional or educator in the field. This exhibit welcomes all creators, regardless of Chaparral membership. Intake is on September 14th and 15th at Rainbow Stew, with fees applicable. Enjoy the opportunity to showcase your art and compete for

ribbons and prizes in categories like Creatures, Nature, and Manmade. Don't miss the chance to win the Best of Show or the President's Award for the entire exhibit. Let's have fun!

Artists of the Month

We feature Chaparral members at both the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church in Yucca Valley AND the Center for Healthy Generations in Yucca Valley. We do not control when these venues open, so calling in advance to a visit is recommended.

Starting in July we installed TWO different summer shows where members were given the chance to bring in one or more of their creations to be featured in a group setting. The summer show at the Desert Hills Presbyterian Church received nineteen (19) entries from ten (10) members and was on display until the end of August.

Joan Scott is featured at the Presbyterian church now, until the end of September. She is sharing nineteen (19) bright, flowing, and beautiful creations. Joan's style is fluid and engrossing. Her colors are bold and often bright, but she has a soft touch when it comes to her pastel works that soothe the mind. Joan works in many mediums, each lending themselves well with her bold color choices.

Healthy Generations received twenty-seven (27) submissions from nine (9) members and will be on display until September 22. You still have time to enjoy the featured artists!

If you are interested in sharing your work at these locations, contact Jennifer Grandi for the Presbyterian

Church and Raini Armstrong for the Center for Healthy Generations.

On Display - Basin and Beyond

We want to mention every place our members are or will be exhibiting! Are you displaying creations at any of the local or far art galleries? We have so many creative gift shops, exhibit spaces and offices that feature art, so please share these amazing accomplishments with us so we know to visit. Please contact us at ChaparralArtists@gmail.com The announcement will be placed in issues of the Sketch. Inform us of upcoming exhibit opportunities as well!

Creative Opportunities

Workshops and Paint-outs

We have many opportunities to create art here in the Morongo Basin from finding solace with our thoughts and taking advantage of plein air and writing opportunities OR seeking out group projects, creative workshops, photography excursions, and writers groups.

Mil-Tree Writers Group meets Monday evenings, online via Zoom, 7-9pm. This writing group welcomes individuals of all writing levels and fosters a relaxed and friendly environment. The primary expectation is that members are open to providing feedback on their peers' writing, but all are encouraged to share their own written work as well. Interested in joining? Contact info@mil-tree.org and ask questions OR signup.

Open Studio Art Workshops are offered at the Yucca Valley Community Center every Thursday

morning, 9-11:30am. Participants bring their own materials, pay a fee of \$3, and are free to work on whatever they are interested in.

Watercolor Workshops are offered at the Yucca Valley Community Center every Thursday afternoon, 1-3pm. Participants bring their own materials, pay a fee of \$5, and can work on their own watercolor projects or follow along with the instructor.

Watercolor Workshops are offered at the Center for Healthy Generations in Yucca Valley every Friday morning, 9-11am. Participants bring their own materials, pay a fee of \$7, and can work on their own watercolor projects or follow along with the instructor.

Plein Air meetups are coordinated by Krista Wargo around the desert most months and are announced on the Chaparral calendar when we hear of them. Attendees bring their own materials, prepare for any weather changes, and bring plenty of food and water for their adventure in painting on site in the wild. Krista chooses locations that have basic amenities, such as restrooms, but otherwise you must pack in and pack out anything you need to create with. Please contact Krista directly to share your attendance intention, so that she knows to expect you.

Ongoing Invitation to Share!

Members and friends of Chaparral Artists, it is never too late to share your artistic accomplishments, stories, poetry, art snapshots, or art advice that you have learned or devised along the way. Your voice belongs in this newsletter!

Please share art-related information by sending your thoughts to ChaparralArtists@gmail.com. For

anyone that cannot access the internet, call Raini Armstrong at 760-383-3005 to arrange the conveyance of your submission via phone or in person.

Events Calendar

August 31

Deadline to submit entries

California Welcome Center & Online
5th annual art contest

September 1

Deadline to submit entries

Joshua Tree National Park Online
11th annual art contest

September 1

Deadline to submit entries

Chaparral Artists Email
13 entries to be chosen from submissions to fill a
2024 Chaparral Artists calendar

September 11

Organization Meetings

Board Meeting

[September 11 from 11:30-12:30pm](#)

General Meeting & Creation Day!

[September 11 from 1-3pm](#)

Center for Healthy Generations

57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley

September 22

Summer Members Show at Healthy Generations

Pick-up Day

[September 22 \(Friday\) at 11am](#)

Center for Healthy Generations

57121 Sunnyslope Dr., Yucca Valley

September 30

World Cyanotype Day

*Alternative Photography event held around the world
to celebrate solar printing, 10am-2:30pm*

Local event held at the Space Truckin' Gallery in Old
Town Yucca Valley
55940 29 Palms Hwy #2



"After the Rain" by Joan Scott

Featured Artist at Presbyterian Church

"I'm free!" by Joan Scott

